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PROJECT AWARE VOLUNTEERS TO SCOUR THE LITTLE SIOUX RIVER

DES MOINES — A crew of canoe-mounted volunteers will snake through northwest Iowa this summer, leaving a trail of clean water and a healthier watershed in its wake.

The third annual Project AWARE (A Watershed Awareness River Expedition) will tackle the Little Sioux River—canoeing and removing trash from Saturday, June 18 to Saturday, June 25.

Registrations are now being accepted for this weeklong outdoor adventure. The program advocates an action-oriented approach to water quality and a perspective based on the “watershed,” or the region of land draining into a body of water.

Project AWARE will travel 87 miles this year, stopping to camp at various sites along the way. Participants can join for as much or as little of the trip as they want. The program includes free camping, free canoe use and low-cost meals. Iowa experts will present evening programs on natural resources history and conservation.

In its third year, Project AWARE’s goals remain the same, said Brian Soenen, the program’s creator. Soenen, director of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources IOWATER volunteer water monitoring program, created Project AWARE in 2003.

“We want to get people out on the water and give them a stake in cleaning the river,” he said. “And we want them to take away that knowledge of the watershed.”

In Project AWARE's first year, roughly 100 volunteers canoed and cleaned 105 miles of the Maquoketa River. In 2004, another 100 adventurers cleaned up prairies, lakes, and streams along 107 miles of the Des Moines River watershed (floodwaters kept them from floating the river).

This year, program organizers have created more definite alternative plans in case of bad weather, Soenen said. A popular addition to last year's program—an AWARE sculpture created using volunteer-collected garbage—will return. Check www.iowaprojectaware.com for registration forms, schedule updates and other information.

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DIESEL FUEL SPILLS IN GALVA

GALVA — An estimated 100 gallons of diesel fuel spilled early Wednesday morning in Galva during the filling of a saddle tank on a semi truck.

Some fuel reached a storm sewer, which discharges into a drainage ditch. The ditch flows into Halfway Creek, a tributary of the Maple River.

While it's unknown how much fuel reached the drainage ditch, a sheen was visible in the ditch. No sheen has been found in Halfway Creek.

Goettsch Trucking and Seed owns the truck and fueling tank. The DNR has instructed the company to clean up the site.

Goettsch Trucking and Seed did not notify the DNR of the spill until 7 p.m. Wednesday. Spills must be reported to the DNR within six hours of occurrence or discovery.

The DNR will continue to investigate the incident and will consider possible enforcement action.

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DNR ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

DES MOINES — The DNR took the following enforcement actions between October and December 2004, unless otherwise noted. Responsible parties have 30 days to appeal the charges or 60 days to pay the penalty. The following are only briefs; please contact Jessie Rolph of the DNR for more information at (515) 281-5131.

- Crestview Mobile Home Park, of Ames, was ordered to cease discharging wastewater that does not meet effluent limits, properly maintain its wastewater treatment facility, timely submit all monthly operating reports, comply with a specific construction schedule, and to pay a \$10,000 penalty. The order has been appealed.
- Russell Knobbe, d.b.a. Knobbe Brothers Feedlot, and Mello Knobbe, Inc., both of Carroll, were ordered to cease the open burning of tires and other solid waste, and to pay a \$1,000 penalty. The order is in regard to the open burning of tires on a site in Carroll County that produced large volumes of black smoke and other air pollutants. The order has been appealed.
- The City of Mount Union was ordered to install a wastewater treatment facility and collection system in order to provide adequate wastewater treatment and disposal. The order is in regard to unpermitted discharges of sewage from individual septic systems located in Mount Union.
- Olsen Fuel Supply, Inc., of Atlantic, was ordered to pay a \$7,000 penalty. The order is in regard to an illegal deposit of petroleum into underground storage tanks at a site in Anita, and the failure to obtain and display current tank management fee tags.
- Roquette America, Inc., of Keokuk, was ordered to take steps necessary to eliminate and prevent future discoloration of the waste stream from its wastewater treatment plant; to ensure compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements for total suspended solids (TSS) and biochemical oxygen demand (BOD5) limits at an outfall; and to pay a \$10,000 penalty.
- Dana Kirby, d.b.a. Kirby's Corner Market, of Whiting, was ordered to pay \$1,365 in delinquent annual underground storage tank (UST) management fees for the period 1996 to 2003, to pay \$750 in late fees for 2003, and to provide documentation of the persons who delivered fuel to the USTs at the facility from December 1996 to 2001. The order is in regard to installing and operating two USTs without registering the tanks or paying required fees.
- Consolidated Energy Co. LLC, of Jesup, was ordered to pay a \$6,000 penalty. The order is in regard to the illegal deposit of petroleum into unregistered underground storage tanks (USTs) located at Kirby's Corner Market in Whiting since 2001.
- Jim Hawk Truck-Trailers of Davenport, Inc., of Council Bluffs, was ordered to permanently close its underground storage tank (UST) by removing the UST or filling it in place, complete a soil and groundwater investigation of the site, submit a tank closure report, and pay a \$6,427 penalty. The DNR must be notified prior to tank removal or filling in place, or any soil and groundwater testing. The order is in regard to a tank located in Davenport. The order has been appealed.

- Honey Creek Campground, of Pottawattamie County, was ordered to properly monitor, operate and maintain the septic tank system at its facility in order to cease all discharges from the septic system to the surface of the ground. The campground was also ordered to hire an engineer to submit a construction permit application, plans and specifications, and a schedule for an upgrade to the septic tank system to meet DNR standards. The campground was also ordered to pay a \$1,000 penalty.
- Monty Branstad, of Leland, was ordered to remove and properly dispose all solid waste at his site and to pay an \$8,000 penalty. The order is in regard to open burning of miscellaneous solid waste at a site in Winnebago County, producing large volumes of black smoke and other air pollutants. The order has been appealed.
- Oakdale Pullets Farm, of Buena Vista County, was ordered to submit a complete manure management plan (MMP) and fees, and to pay a \$3,000 penalty. The order is in regard to failure to submit an MMP. The order has been appealed.
- MKKS, LLC, of Cedar Falls, was issued the following orders for five separate underground storage tank (UST) sites. The orders have been appealed.
 - For a site on Douglas Ave. in Urbandale, MKKS was ordered to submit leak detection records, documentation that the automatic tank gauge system is operating properly, documentation that monthly leak detection tests are being conducted, results of the most recent annual piping tightness tests and line leak detector tests, and proof that the USTs were covered by an approved financial responsibility mechanism from January 2004 to June 2004. MKKS was also ordered to conduct a tightness test of the USTs, submit a report and pay a \$4,600 penalty.
 - For a site on University Ave. in Windsor Heights, MKKS was ordered to submit leak detection records, results of the most recent annual piping tightness tests and line leak detector tests, submit proof that the USTs are covered by an approved financial responsibility mechanism, certify that the UST system is temporarily closed and certify in writing that the impressed current cathodic protection system is functioning properly while the USTs are temporarily closed. MKKS was also ordered to conduct a site check, conduct a three-year inspection of the impressed current cathodic protection system, certify that the USTs and piping have been tested for tightness and that the leak detectors have been tested prior to bringing the USTs into operation and prior to sale of the property. MKKS was also ordered to pay 2004 tank management fees of \$260 and late fees of \$1,000 in addition to a \$6,500 penalty.
 - For a site located on Euclid Ave. in Des Moines, MKKS was ordered to submit leak detection records, submit proof that the USTs are covered by an approved financial responsibility mechanism, conduct a site check, certify that the UST system is temporarily closed and certify in writing that the impressed

current cathodic protection system is functioning properly while the USTs are temporarily closed. MKKS was also ordered to certify that the USTs and piping have been tested for tightness and that the leak detectors have been tested prior to bringing the USTs into operation and prior to sale of the property. MKKS was also ordered to pay 2004 tank management fees of \$260 and late fees of \$1,000.

- For a site located on Hickory Blvd. in Pleasant Hill, MKKS was ordered to certify that the UST system is temporarily closed and certify in writing that the impressed current cathodic protection system is functioning properly while the USTs are temporarily closed.
- For a site located on First St. in West Des Moines, MKKS was ordered to submit leak detection records, submit results of the most recent annual piping tightness tests and line leak detector tests, submit the last two 60-day cathodic protection monitoring reports, conduct a tank tightness test on all tanks and submit a report, and pay a \$4,600 penalty.

Consent Orders

A consent order is issued in settlement of an administrative order or as an alternative to issuing an administrative order. A consent order indicates that the DNR has voluntarily entered into a legally enforceable agreement with the other party.

- Sam Raphtis agreed to a consent order regarding underground storage tanks (USTs) located at a site in Sioux City. Raphtis agreed to submit a Tier 1 or Tier 2 Site Cleanup Report and to submit interim site monitoring reports as required.
- CDI, LLC of Forest City, has agreed to a consent order regarding air quality emission violations. CDI has agreed to comply with the requirements of the Clean Air Act by implementing control strategies, to comply with the conditions of its construction permits and to pay an \$8,000 penalty.

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